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SUGGESTIONS FROM STATE UNDER NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any feedback and suggestions from States after implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) in the first phase;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a)& (b) States have made following main suggestions:

(i) Enhancement of administrative expenses.

(ii) Reduction in the number of persons available to start new work.

(iii) Expand the list of permissible works.

(c)
(i) The Cabinet has approved enhancement of administrative expenses from 2% to 4% of the total cost.

(ii) The minimum number of persons available to start a new work has been reduced from 50 to 10.

(iii) The Act provides for the notification of `other works` as permissible works. The Ministry`s priority is on water conservation, land development, afforestation to strengthen the natural resources base of rural livelihood.